



Fiscal Sustainability of Healthcare Systems in OECD Countries: an Analytical Framework

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Objectives of this Meeting

- ✓ Foster further dialogue between Health and Budget officials
- ✓ Discuss and agree on the framework used to guide practices for managing the budget of the health sector
- ✓ Agree on key future activities for the Joint Network



Suggested analytical framework

Institutions and tools for bridging health and fiscal interests

1. Understanding health expenditures

- ✓ How are health spending projections carried out and used?
- ✓ What are the major drivers of health expenditures?
- ✓ How do they interact, and how can they be influenced?

2. Governance of health expenditures

- ✓ How do countries manage health expenditure?
- ✓ What are the main actors involved in health management (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, health insurance funds, central governments, sub-national governments, etc.)
- ✓ How do countries budget for health?
- ✓ How do they align incentives of different actors to build financial sustainability into their decision-making and to weight these concerns along with quality, access and equity?

3. Main expenditure management tools

- ✓ How are cost overruns monitored, and cost containment measures implemented?
- ✓ How is performance evaluated and value for money ensured?
- ✓ How is the regulatory framework used to co-ordinate and align incentives across actors?

4. Financing health expenditure

- ✓ What revenues finance health care costs, how are countries preparing to meet future costs?
- ✓ Is there a role for increasing earmarked taxes?